

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 12, and 13 are pending.

The Examiner finds patentable subject matter in claims 3, 7, 10 and 13, and indicates that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in suitable independent form.

However, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wright et al. US patent application Publication 2002/0018008 (“Wright”).

Applicants’ Reply

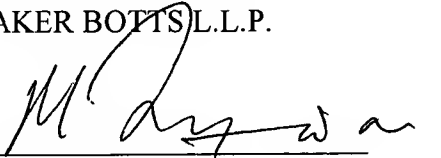
Applicants appreciate the Examiner’s finding of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 7, 10, and 13. Further, as suggested by the Examiner, applicants have rewritten claims 3, 7, 10, and 13 in suitable independent form.

Applicants respectfully traverse the prior art rejections of claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 12. However, in order to expedite the issuance of patent on this application, applicants have cancelled these claims. Applicants do so without prejudice to their rights to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more related applications.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner kindly contact the undersigned attorney by telephone for early resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
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